

GIRTON PARISH COUNCIL

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NOTICE of MEETING: GIRTON PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING FULL COUNCIL
DATE & TIME: Wednesday 13th March at 7.30pm
VENUE: Girton Recreation Ground, Cambridge Road Girton

All Members of the Council are hereby summoned to attend for the purposes of resolving Council Business to be transacted at the meeting, as set out below. Members of the public and press are invited to address the Council under the Public Participation item. Advance notice of questions and/or issues would be appreciated.

Members: 13 Vacancies: 1 Quorum: 5

Members: Cllr Carney (Chair), Cllr Muston (Vice-Chair) Cllr Betts, Cllr Brown, Cllr Clare, Cllr Crawley, Cllr Giles, Cllr Hayat, Cllr Lampe, Cllr Linton, Cllr Marshall, Cllr Reeves, Cllr Wright.

Mrs. Yvonne Murray – Clerk to Girton Parish Council
7th March 2024

AGENDA

Agenda Item	Item Description	Action/Power
23FC/202	Welcome from the Chair	
23FC/203	To Receive Apologies and Reasons for Absence	For Decision
23FC/204	To Co-opt new Members to Girton Parish Council	For Decision
23FC/205	To Receive Members' Declarations of Interest and Dispensations	To Note
23FC/206	Public Participation <i>To allow a total of 15 minutes for any members of the public to address the meeting in relation to any matter on the agenda. Individual presentations to be limited to 5 minutes on any single issue</i>	15 Mins
23FC/207	To Receive Reports (for information only)	10 Mins
23FC/207.1	County Councillor	
23FC/207.2	District Councillors	
23FC/207.3	Girton Town Charity (No Report this month)	
23FC/207.4	Girton Neighbourhood Plan (No Report this month)	
23FC/207.5	Clerk's Report	
23FC/207.6	Chair's Report	
23FC/208	To Approve Minutes of Girton Parish Council Full Council Meetings: 14 th February 2024, 29 th February 2024 Note 10 th January minutes brought back to agenda due to comments from Cllr Carney on 4 th March 2024.	For Decision

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23FC/209	Matters arising from Previous Meetings <i>(for information only)</i>	For Information
23FC/209.1	Action List: See items now complete below. Action list will be reviewed at Full Council	
23FC/209.2	Any other Matters arising – A chance to raise any comments/concerns on previous agenda items	
23FC/210	To Receive update from GPC Committees & Working Groups <i>(For information only)</i>	To Note
23FC/210.1	Environment Committee	
23FC/210.2	Local Nature Recovery Working Group	
23FC/210.3	Footpath Officer's Report (No Report this month)	
23FC/210.4	Water Management Report (No Report this month)	
23FC/210.5	Finance & Resource Management Committee	
23FC/210.6	HR Committee (to include CAPALC Report)	
23FC/210.7	Planning Committee (No Report This month)	
23FC/210.8	Sport & Recreation Committee	
23FC/210.9	Events Working Group	
23FC/210.10	Wellbrook Way Facilities Task & Finish Group	
23FC/210.11	Pavilion Refurbishment Task & Finish Group	
23FC/211	To Approve Finance and Resource Management	For Decision
23FC/211.1	To note payment of accounts under delegated approval	To Note
23FC/211.2	To Approve payment of outstanding accounts due	For Decision
23FC/211.3	To Receive a report from Facilities Manager on Amounts paid in	To Note
23FC/211.4	Update on Changes to GPC Bank & Building Society Accounts 23FC/189.4 & 23FC/189.6 All new signatories in place for Cambs B.S. 23FC/189.5 & 23FC/189.7 Melton Building Society changes under way 23FC/189.8 Higher Interest savings product now open. 23FC/189.9 Debit cards and Trade Cards for B&Q, Screwfix and Travis Perkins for Staff Team underway.	To Note
23FC/212	Business items requiring a decision, or consideration by the Council	For Decision
23FC/212.1	Council to receive update from Cambridgeshire Acre on Housing Need Survey Results Report for Girton Survey (undertaken in July/August 2023)	To Note
23FC/212.2	Council to note suggestions and recommendations to date for consideration of Master Planner	For Decision
23FC/212.3	Council to approve purchase of fitted Kitchen and furniture/equipment for Wellbrook Way Clubhouse	For Decision
23FC/212.4	Council to consider and approve letter to Mayor Nik Johnson re buses	For Decision
23FC/212.5	Council to consider and approve letter to Anthony Browne re Cambridge 2040	For Decision
23FC/212.6	Council to consider and approve Training courses requested to date	For Decision
23FC/212.7	Council to approve delegation of approval of No Mow Summer Plan to Cllr Giles (Environment Chair) and GPC Clerk	For Decision
23FC/213	To Receive Correspondence addressed to the Council. 1. Climate Emergency Communications 2. Letter from resident regarding Energy Performance Assessments (EPC) to be presented during Public Participation	To Note
23FC/214	To Approve Communication of items from this Agenda <i>This item is designed to ensure that Council can approve key items of communication from this meeting on Council Website, Facebook, and Twitter.</i>	For Decision

Agenda Item	Item Description	Action/ Power
23FC/215	Date of next meeting(s): 10 th April 2024 at 7.30pm	To Note

FULL COUNCIL Budget

The council agreed its budget on Tuesday 13 February, prioritising funding to improve the condition of roads and footpaths, social care, and support for vulnerable communities.

This was a difficult budget process as many residents continue to feel the squeeze from cost of living pressures, but the council also faces significant cost increases. Those on the lowest incomes are also those who are often most reliant on services provided by the council.

The county council had to close a gap of £37.4M, with 75% of the Council's net spending now being funded from Council Tax. Councillors have prioritised a number of key areas, based on residents' feedback from last summer's Quality of Life survey. The budget:

- sustains critical adults' & children's social care services.
- includes record levels of highways funding to strengthen and improve the standard of roads and pavements, including tackling potholes, weeds and gulleys—in direct response to residents' concerns.
- prioritises support for vulnerable communities, including continuing to providing holiday supermarket vouchers for those children most in need.

The council agreed a Council Tax rise of 4.99% ie 2% for Adult Social Services, and 2.99% for general services. This raises £17.5M of local income to help maintain and protect critical services for the most vulnerable communities. For the majority of residents in Band A-D properties that will mean an extra 99p to £1.48 a week.

A balanced council budget for the coming year is no mean feat after more than a decade of national underfunding, when so many county and unitary authorities are struggling. Some additional money from Government came in frustratingly late, well after most councils had set their budget. But this one-year funding does not address the longer-term need for a Fair Funding Settlement in Cambridgeshire.

The Government plans to stop funding the Household Support Fund at the end of March, unless there is some respite in the Chancellor's budget on 6 March. However the council has allocated £3M to continue providing holiday supermarket vouchers for those most in need, if the Government brings this funding to an end.

Without this financial commitment from the council, this scheme would stop when Government funding is due to end in just a few weeks.

Councillor allowances

The council agreed to implement the council allowances scheme recommended by the independent panel set up for this purpose.

(More) changes to composition of the council

A by-election for the vacancy in Yaxley & Farcet will take place on Thursday 21 March.

Meanwhile another change of party has taken place: Cllr Keith Prentice from St Neots has moved from the Conservatives to join the Independent group that is part of the council's Joint Administration.

STRATEGY RESOURCES & PERFORMANCE Shire Hall back on the market

Bids are invited for the lease or purchase of part of the Shire Hall site in Cambridge, after the previous preferred bidder was unable to continue their interest.

Shire Hall had been the County Council's headquarters since the 1930s, but the site itself was the seat of government in Cambridge for over a thousand years. Previously the site of two medieval castles, the building was the county council's administrative centre from its completion in 1933 until 2022, when the council relocated to Alconbury as part of its planned savings programme.

The property comprises the original Shire Hall, the Octagon, the Old Police Station, Castle Lodge and public car parking. Offers will be considered by the council's Assets & Procurement Committee in June, when councillors will review not only the financial bid made but whether the offer delivers environmental and social benefits.

The council expects strong interest from commercial bidders, with the building's prime position in Cambridge making it highly suitable for different uses. Due to the historic importance of the site all proposals will require full planning and listed building consents to ensure protection of the assets on site.

The council has applied to give part of the lawn between the front of Shire Hall and the Mound the legal protection of 'Town Green' status, and has also invested in new interpretation boards and increased litter bins and maintenance to improve the visitor experience. These areas are not included in the disposal.

More information from Max Marston at BNP Paribas Real Estate (Max.marston@realestate.bnpparibas).
<https://propertylink.estatesgazette.com/property-details/6943307-shire-hall-site-castle-street-cb3>

ADULTS & HEALTH Measles update

With cases of measles rising in some areas of the country, the council is asking everyone to check their MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) vaccination status and get vaccinated if not up to date.

Measles is a highly infectious illness which can be very unpleasant and sometimes lead to serious complications. Two doses of the MMR vaccination give long-lasting protection against measles.

In the UK, the MMR vaccination is given as part of the routine childhood vaccination schedule. The vaccine is free, available from GPs, and anyone can catch up at any age on missed doses. An alternative MMR vaccination is available which does not contain pork products.

Walk-in vaccination clinics are taking place across Cambridgeshire. These are for anyone over the age of one year who is not up to date with their MMR vaccinations. More information at <https://www.cpics.org.uk/measles>

Individuals should check their vaccination status if possible before attending one of these clinics. Vaccination records are in a child's personal health record (red book). Adults can check if they have been vaccinated with their GP or vaccination records from childhood.

NHS dentistry under the spotlight

The county council's Adults & Health Committee will be scrutinising the provision of NHS dentistry in Cambridgeshire at its meeting on Thursday 7 March.

In recent years the availability of NHS dental care has shrivelled to almost zero, with many practices closing their doors to new NHS patients or ceasing to provide NHS dental care altogether. Dentists say that under the current contract, it is no longer financially viable to offer NHS procedures because of a lack of Government investment. One in five people have resorted to 'DIY dentistry' and 4.4 million children in England have not seen an NHS dentist in at least a year, leading to a 17% increase in tooth decay-related extractions in children.

The minimum value of dental activity under the dental contract will increase from £23 to £28. This will affect only a small number of contracts across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, and any additional funding will need to be covered from the current dental budget of the local NHS Integrated Care Board.

Mobile 'dental vans' will be launched in rural and coastal areas, with at least one of these vans coming to Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. Cambridgeshire NHS has put in place a local Dental Improvement Plan, and identified the areas most in need as being Fenland, Littleport, Ely, and Peterborough.

Have your say on creating Healthy Places

Cambridgeshire's public health team is inviting residents to have their say on how new and existing communities can be healthy, supportive and inclusive.

Work is currently under way to develop the Healthy Places Joint Strategic Needs Assessment for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. To inform this, the team has launched a survey asking for views on access to healthcare services, inclusive and accessible green spaces, opportunities for active travel and healthy play and leisure, and the provision of affordable healthy food options.

The survey is at <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/WNC1CB/> and is open until Monday 15 April at 5:00PM. It will take around 10-15 minutes to fill in and may be completed on behalf of yourself or someone you care for. If you would prefer to complete a paper copy, you can pick one up from your local library.

If you have any questions about the survey or the Healthy Places Joint Strategic Needs Assessment for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, please email healthinallpolicies@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE More pupils get first choice of secondary school

A greater percentage of Cambridgeshire students will be going to their first choice secondary school this September.

A total of 87.9% have been offered a place at their first choice school—up from 87.1% last year.

The proportion offered a place at their first, second or third preference school has also risen, from 95.4% in 2023 to 95.8% this year. The total number of places offered this year was fewer than last – 7,220 compared with 7,413.

Supermarket vouchers

More than 23,000 supermarket vouchers were distributed during the February half term to eligible families in Cambridgeshire.

ENVIRONMENT & GREEN INVESTMENT Weekly food waste collections

The Government is moving towards weekly food waste collections across the country, with financial support to district councils for changes to collection of the waste, but not to county councils for disposing of it.

Any councils not taking up the arrangements would be ‘named in legislation’ as being exempt from these collection arrangements, until such time as their existing waste contracts expired. In Cambridgeshire’s case this is 2037, when the PFI contract at Waterbeach ends—a long time to wait.

After prolonged discussion between Cambridgeshire’s county and district councils, they have been able to agree to move to weekly collections, and avoid being listed in the legislation.

Wisbech incinerator given the go-ahead

A proposal for a large incinerator in Wisbech was given permission by the Secretary of State last month. Medworth CHP Ltd applied for planning permission to create an energy from waste combined heat and power facility, capable of generating over 50 megawatts of electricity.

Due to the size of the proposed development, the planning inspectorate, rather than any local authority, examined Medworth’s application. The planning inspector made their recommendation to the Secretary of State for the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, the Rt Hon Claire Coutinho MP, who has made the decision to approve the proposal.

Councillors from all parties at Cambridgeshire County Council were united in opposing this development. It was also opposed by Fenland District Council, Norfolk County Council, and the Borough Council of King’s Lynn and West Norfolk, as well as hundreds of local Wisbech residents. Fenland District Council has resolved to begin the process of considering whether it has any grounds for judicial review of the decision.

The scale of the development put forward by Medworth CHP and its effects on the surrounding area has raised serious concerns. In representations at the public inquiry earlier in the year, the county council highlighted the impact of the suggested development on the landscape, carbon emissions, and transport links in and around Wisbech.

But when it comes to nationally significant infrastructure projects like this one, the decision—and responsibility for the decision—lies with central government.

In a strange twist, the decision by the Minister was removed from the planning inspectorate’s website the day after it was announced—but it was reinstated within a matter of days. A separate decision by the Environment Agency on permitting for the facility has not yet been made.

Envar incinerator ‘called in’ for Government to decide

The owners of the Envar waste facility at Woodhurst near Somersham are currently appealing against the decision of the county council to refuse their application for a clinical waste incinerator—and an appeal hearing is ongoing. However, the Government has now intervened and ‘recovered’ the application for the Secretary of State to determine. The Planning Inspector will therefore only make recommendations to the Secretary of State.

Community Flood Risk newsletter

The Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Flood and Water Partnership (CPFloW) has agreed to start publishing a Community Flood Risk newsletter to help support residents, businesses, and communities in relation to flooding. This will include input from organisations such as the Environment Agency, Internal Drainage Boards (IDBs) and water companies.

Reporting flooding

It is worth reporting any kind of flooding, even if it is not internal flooding, and even if the immediate danger has passed. In the event of a flood, if there is a threat to life call 999. To report a non-life threatening flood emergency to the police, please call 101.

Outside of those events, the County Council’s flood reporting page <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/report-a-flood> provides options to:

- Report a flooding problem on roads and pavements
- Report flooding in a property, home or garden
- Report flooding from water pipes or sewers
- Report flooding from surface water, groundwater or ordinary watercourses
- Report flooding from a main river or the sea as well as information on how to prepare for flooding, and flood emergency contacts. Data on past flooding incidents informs future plans so it is important to get a good record of incidents.

Managing invasive plant species

Monitoring invasive plant species and implementing appropriate control measures are essential for mitigating the potential ecological and health risks associated with hemlock. The council is dedicated to environmental stewardship, and are responsible for managing and addressing invasive species issues within the highways. Hemlock is a term that can refer to two different plants: poison hemlock (*Conium maculatum*) and water hemlock (*Cicuta* spp.). Both plants are highly toxic and should be handled with caution. While the county takes the responsibility of managing invasive plant species as a matter of utmost importance, the requirements and protocols for addressing each invasive weed may vary.

Over the years, there have been areas across the county where hemlock has gradually established and expanded. It is worth noting that hemlock is a native plant species, which does provide some benefits to our local wildlife. As a result, there is no legal requirement to control hemlock in the county for the following reasons:

- Hemlock is not listed as an injurious weed, akin to Ragwort, within the [Weeds Act 1959](#).
- It is not included in [Schedule 9 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981](#), which pertains to species such as Japanese Knotweed and Giant Hogweed, as hemlock is a native species.
- While hemlock can be found in various regions, including Cambridgeshire, the specific prevalence and impact of this plant may vary within different areas.

The council has been actively involved in the identification and management of various invasive plant species, including Japanese Knotweed and Giant Hogweed. In public spaces such as parks, roadsides, and communal areas, the council takes action to control and remove invasive plants as necessary. Our Green Infrastructure team appropriately instruct our contractor to treat correctly identified invasive plants in these areas, utilising professional equipment and Glyphosate-based chemicals.

There are currently no spray treatments specifically for hemlock, as it is not mandated by law. However, it is important to note that the council continues to carry out treatments for Japanese Knotweed and Giant Hogweed in accordance with the requirements of the [Environmental Protection Act 1990](#).

Further information or advice is available from Emma Stannard, Green Infrastructure Team Manager on emma.stannard@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Crucifixion

The skeleton of a man who was crucified in Roman-era Cambridgeshire is on display as part of a blockbuster exhibition at the British Museum, after a loan of the remains was agreed by Cambridgeshire County Council. The British Museum's exhibition is called *Legion: Life in the Roman Army* and will run until 23 June 2024 in the Sainsbury Exhibitions Gallery.

Discovered as part of an excavation in Fenstanton, the body is only the second confirmed example of the Roman use of this barbaric punishment ever unearthed, and the first found in Europe. It was possible to prove death took place through crucifixion, as a nail was found lodged in the man's heel.

The find was the subject of a BBC4 documentary *The Cambridgeshire Crucifixion* which aired in January. It showed a facial reconstruction of the man as well as scientific analyses which indicated that he was likely to have been a lower status Briton who lived his whole life in Cambridgeshire.

Once the exhibition ends, the remains will be transferred back into the guardianship of Cambridgeshire County Council's Historic Environment Team.

HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT Gully clearing

The council's Joint Administration has reinstated the programme of regular, cyclical gully clearing that the previous Conservative administration ceased—a decision which had contributed to many local flooding problems. More information will be forthcoming about the programme.

Busway works

Safety works are under way on the Guided Busway to allow the busway to return to full, two-way operation.

Since February 2022, a section of the Guided Busway in one direction has been closed between Cambridge Railway Station and the Cambridge Biomedical Campus. A temporary fence was installed whilst an independent safety review was in progress, and following ongoing communications with the Health & Safety Executive (HSE) and as part of continuous safety reviews on the busway.

Since then, the county council has been working with the bus operators and emergency services to risk-assess and design a fence to be installed next to the upstand along sections of the southern busway. It has been specifically designed with removable sections to allow for safe evacuation. This work is being carried out in sections to minimise disruption to passengers.

Contractors are working seven days a week and the busway and maintenance track are currently programmed to re-open on Saturday 30 March.

Meanwhile on the Combined Authority

No sooner had the Mayor announced the list of bus improvements which the £2 per month (at Band D) increase in his precept would bring, than Stagecoach announced it would be cutting back on some services. We are looking to create a transport group within the Division to advocate for better bus services for the area, based on a model which has been successful in other areas.

Girton matters

Environment Agency analysis of Washpit and Beck Brook – they are still in the process of commissioning the modelling work and are not yet in a position to share any insights. When the modelling starts they will have a clearer

timeline for delivery which we will use to help develop our engagement plan to determine how and when to engage with the community. They have stated that they will then contact the Parish council and others to help with this engagement.

Wands on Huntingdon Road along the cycle lane at the pinchpoint near the traffic lights – officers report that planning work in this area is going ahead to the next stage. They note it is not easy getting permission to carry out works on the network in Greater Cambridge but they are hopeful that we will secure a permit for overnight works to install the wands perhaps in the May half term holiday. However it will be important for officers to meet with local councillors and representatives of the Parish council on site to ensure everyone is happy with the proposals.

Oakington Road junction with Manor Farm Road – there is a lack of clarity as to where the cycle way ends southbound when it meets Manor Farm Road. There is a sign, but it is not well placed and is easily missed. Subsequently cyclists merging into the main road is a tricky manoeuvre even at 20mph. Given there has been at least one accident involving a cyclist at the Manor Farm Road junction, there is good reason to protect cyclists better at this location. One idea from officers is a small build-out right at the point the 20mph limit begins so southbound cyclists and other road users would have a bit of protection as they get to the end of the shared use path and try to join the carriageway. Southbound drivers would need to give way to northbound traffic – this is a common feature at the edge of villages and would serve to reinforce the lower speed limit.

Manor Farm Road grant for equestrians and others to avoid the junction - the grant which had been awarded for projects of 'social value' has been reinstated and officers are considering how to meet the needs of equestrians who wish to avoid the junction.

Cllr Edna Murphy
County Councillor for Bar Hill division

District Councillors' Report for Girton Parish Council, March 2024

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South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) - Full Council Meeting on 27th February 2024

Full Council met on Tuesday afternoon, 27th February 2024 for what turned out to be a marathon session of six hours. This is the annual budget meeting, so budget considerations took up most of the time, but there were also questions raised and three motions discussed and approved.

Council voted to approve Budgets and Business Plan

Unlike many other councils, SCDC is on a very sound financial footing. Well-targeted commercial investments bring in around £7M per year, which mitigates the huge cut in Government support that all councils have endured in recent years. If it were not for the threat of the Government's Fair Funding Review, which threatens to strip district councils of business tax revenue and give it to bigger, unitary councils, SCDC would have a projected surplus all the way to 2029.

In regard to Council Tax, SCDC remains one of the lowest taxing authorities in the country, with a £5 per year increase – 42p a month - for the average band D home, equivalent to a below inflation rise of around 3%. There are three parish councils in South Cambs that have a bigger council precept than SCDC.

The Council Tax relief threshold has been increased in line with inflation so that people on the lowest incomes can continue to claim. SCDC is one of the few councils offering up to 100% relief for those residents in most need.

Two more Environmental Enforcement Officers (Envirocrime) are being employed to tackle the increasing problem of fly-tipping and two new posts created for highways litter-picking.

SCDC will add more staff support to the Zero Carbon Communities Grant scheme – so it should be easier than before for parishes to get support from SCDC on projects to help save or generate energy.

Other News

SCDC passed a motion where it will now treat *care experience* as a protected characteristic – meaning that when the council makes decisions moving forward, as part of its Equality Impact Assessments, it will now also assess the impact on care leavers. This is a positive step towards treating care leavers more inclusively in society and was agreed unanimously by district councillors. The County Council, Combined Authority, Peterborough City Council and Cambridge City Council have all passed similar motions. *Part of the motion was to call on town and parish councils to also take a similar step in support of care leavers.*

SCDC also passed a motion in support of the White Ribbon Campaign, after a decision was taken to seek accreditation. White Ribbon is a domestic abuse advocacy organisation who work to provide education about domestic abuse, in particular violence against women. This motion was also agreed unanimously.

SCDC also approved all the parish council precepts at full council. We also approved an updated pay policy, which included the pay ratio between the highest and lowest paid workers at SCDC (1:6.1), this ratio is fairly typical for local government and is lower than that City Council's ratio.

Cambridgeshire Home Improvement Agency

[Cambridgeshire Home Improvement Agency \(Cambs HIA\)](#) is a strategic partnership between SCDC, Cambridge City Council and Huntingdonshire District Council and is dedicated to enhancing the living conditions of

residents, particularly focusing on older adults, individuals with disabilities, and those with limited incomes. Last year it helped more than a hundred families in South Cambs to access grants such as Disabled Facilities Grants and Special Purpose Grants to undertake adaptations and repairs in their homes to help prevent accidents, assist people to cope with long term health conditions and to live comfortably and independently. For further information, please email Frances Swann frances.swann@cambshia.org or call 01954 713456.

Childcare Choices and the Do Something Big campaign resources

This week (from 12 February), the Department for Education is promoting the [Childcare Choices campaign](#), which aims to raise awareness and understanding of the government childcare support for parents to help them with the cost of childcare. The [refreshed toolkit](#) includes information about existing and upcoming childcare support and includes resources for organisations to share. Additionally, the [Do Something Big workforce recruitment campaign](#) aims to highlight careers available working in the early years and childcare sector. The campaigns website includes information on careers, job application advice and information on training and qualifications. A downloadable [communications toolkit](#) has been produced containing information and resources to help councils communicate the campaign.

Bronze for Council at Public Sector Transformation Awards

We're thrilled to report that the Council won a Bronze Award at the [iESE Public Sector Transformation Awards 2024](#) this week. SCDC was a finalist in the Efficiency and Effectiveness category for the four-day week trial. The final was held [on Wednesday night](#) in London. [The judges said](#): "This organisation has harnessed the real potential in their organisation, delivering elevated performance and creating efficiencies." We were in the final along with Kent Police and Swindon Borough Council. Our neighbours at Cambridge City Council also picked-up a bronze award - for Best Transformation Team. SCDC has also been shortlisted for the [upcoming LGC Awards](#) where the council is nominated in the 'Innovation' category.

DLUHC updates

Consultation on changes to various permitted development rights opens today

Yesterday DLUHC launched a [consultation seeking views on changes to several existing permitted development rights](#) that allow for householder development, building upwards to create new homes, the demolition of certain buildings and rebuild as homes, electric vehicle charge points and air source heat pumps. The consultation closes on 9 April 2024. If you have any questions, please

contact PDRconsultation2024@levellingup.gov.uk Consultation:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/changes-to-various-permitted-development-rights-consultation/changes-to-various-permitted-development-rights-consultation>

Addressing the local audit backlog in England: Consultation, joint statement and Code of Audit Practice consultation

DLUHC has today launched a consultation and [joint statement on proposals to clear the backlog of local audits in England](#). On 8 February, the National Audit Office launched [a consultation seeking views on changes to the Code of Audit Practice](#). The consultation closes on 7 March. The Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 makes the Comptroller and Auditor General (C&AG) responsible for the preparation and maintenance of the Code of Audit Practice. It gives the C&AG the power to issue guidance to auditors in support of the Code, to which auditors must have regard when carrying out their work. Schedule 6 of the 2014 Act requires that the Code be reviewed, and revisions considered, at least every five years. The current Code came into effect on 1 April 2020.

Biodiversity net gain requirements

[The legal requirement for developers to deliver at least a 10% bio-diversity net gain on new developments came into effect on Monday \(12 February\).](#) DLUHC published [guidance giving further information including on the biodiversity net gain statutory framework, planning processes, exemptions and appeals](#). To help Local Planning Authorities integrate biodiversity net gain at a local level, £10.6 million of funding is being committed to help councils recruit and expand ecologist teams. Further Information: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/biodiversity-net-gain>

Reforms to social housing allocations consultation – reminder

On 30 January 2024, DLUHC launched [a consultation on reforms to social housing allocations](#). The consultation seeks views from the public, councils, social housing tenants and providers on a range of reforms to how social housing is allocated in England, including to eligibility and qualification criteria, as well as proposals for the social housing waiting list and grounds for eviction. The consultation will run for eight weeks and closes on 26 March. For any enquiries about the consultation, please contact socialhousingallocationsconsultation@levellingup.gov.uk Announcement: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-social-housing-reforms-to-crack-down-on-rule-breakers>

More good news on DLUHC funding

Following a successful bid last year via the ‘PropTech’ DLUHC fund, the Shared Planning Service has been successful in a further bid for £200,000 from the DLUHC Planning Delivery Skills fund for 2024-25. Our bid focused on our aim for Greater Cambridge to not only thrive economically but for new development to be high-quality design, innovative, sustainable and respond to its local context. The monies will fund 3 fixed term posts: one in Planning Policy to focus on infrastructure and viability, and a landscape officer and designer in the Built and Natural Environment Team providing additional capacity for major applications, our strategic sites and to support our policy work.

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Work is currently underway to develop the Healthy Places Joint Strategic Needs Assessment for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, a piece of work which will support the development of healthier, easy to access, and inclusive communities. To inform this, the team has launched a survey asking for views on access to healthcare services, inclusive and accessible green spaces, opportunities for active travel and healthy play and leisure, and the provision of affordable healthy food options.

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It will take around 10-15 minutes to fill in and may be completed on behalf of yourself or someone you care for. If you’d prefer to complete a paper copy of the survey, you can pick one up from your local library or New Shire Hall, Emery Crescent, Enterprise Campus, Alconbury Weald, Huntingdon PE28 4YE. If you have any questions about the survey or the Healthy Places Joint Strategic Needs Assessment for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, please email healthinallpolicies@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

*Corinne Garvie
Richard Stobart*

7th March 2024

Girton Parish Council

Clerk/RFO Report

As we enter March, as Clerk/RFO I am beginning to prepare for year-end. This will be my third year-end as Clerk/RFO. Girton Parish Council has made some good steps forward in

- improving processes and procedures
- putting in place tools and systems to allow these to work effectively.

Most importantly there appears to have been an increase in collaboration with the village through online surveys, social media, village noticeboards and the best of all working together with different organisations. to understand what the village wants to see in place.

We have arranged with our Accountants to review our year-end figures and arrangements are in place for our internal auditor to call so that we are prepared for completion of the AGAR in June 2024.

HIPC Committee budgets continue to evolve as we work towards a three-year plan. All our committees met in February with consistent agendas to ensure that all committees were feeding into the overall budget and beginning to consider their Book of Work for the next three years.

Picking up from the Chair's report a lot of time last month was spent ensuring the Bank and Building Society accounts were all set up together with trade accounts so that we can obtain materials for use by the Parish Ranger quickly and at best price. Our Parish Ranger is working on completion on the issues picked up by the Fire Assessment on the pavilion in October and we will

The current focus of the HIPC Staff team include the below:

- Carrying out required maintenance of HIPC Assets and putting all committees in good shape to develop the projects on their list. This will allow all councillors to work on discreet projects for presentation to Council. This should allow us to cover more ground more quickly.
- Our Worknest application and support is now in place and they are currently working on our Staff contracts which will all be in place for review by 26th March. The Health & Safety support and processes will be started from 12th March and will tie in with the exercise to develop updated Terms & Conditions for all our Recreation Ground users.

Finally, our Master Planner Wilby and Burnett has begun to specify the project and more details will be available for next month's meeting.

Yvonne Murray
Girton Parish Clerk

Girton Parish Council: Chair's report March 2024

Cllr Daniel Carney

At time of writing the Parish Council is very close to having a much-improved set of bank and building society accounts in place (See Agenda Item **23FC/211.4**) all with appropriately up-to-date signatories. I would like to particularly thank the Clerk for her efforts in working through some unnecessarily bureaucratic processes to make these changes happen.

As discussed in previous meetings, I have prepared letters for the Mayor of the Combined Authority and our MP on the matters of bus consultation and information on the proposed Cambridge 2040 project, respectively. I would hope that information in the former is taken into consideration when the Combined Authority makes plans for the likely overhaul of buses in Cambridgeshire & Peterborough, and that we can ensure that Girton can be involved in future plans that may affect our community significantly for the latter.

Many of you will have seen that a number of very overdue footway (pavement) repairs have taken place along the East side of Cambridge Road. I have been assured that this will shortly be followed by a slurry layer along the entire length of footway, though I am not certain as to the exact extent of this repair work. This work has been promised for many months, with previous patching work being performed in anticipation of a comprehensive relaying that never happened, so I remain to be convinced that we will see a result soon.

Those of you who have travelled between Girton and Histon by road may have noticed the implementation of new lowered speed limits along the main road. This now leaves us in the slightly odd situation in which a 2 mile journey between the centres of Girton and Histon takes place in speed limit pattern of 20-30-40-60-40-20 miles per hour. This has illustrated the sadly non-strategic approach of implementation of Highways schemes, particularly so the speed limit on Gatehouse/New Road changing approximately at the boundary between Oakington & Westwick and Histon & Impington parishes rather than the whole road being reduced to 40 mph. We anticipate this change being made later when the extension of the 30 mph zone along Oakington Road is implemented. An update is being sought on this, and the other road safety projects due in Girton.



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NOTICE of MEETING: **GIRTON PARISH COUNCIL**
MEETING **FULL COUNCIL**
DATE & TIME: **Thursday 29th February 2024**
VENUE: **Girton Recreation Ground, Cambridge Road Girton**

Members: 14 Vacancies: 1 Quorum: 5

MINUTES

Agenda Item	Item Description	Action/ Power
Members: [Seven] Cllr Muston (Vice-Chair) Cllr Brown, Cllr Clare, Cllr Crawley, Cllr Lampe, Cllr Linton, Cllr Marshall, Present: GPC Clerk (Yvonne Murray) Members of the Public: None		
23FC/191	Welcome from the Chair	
23FC/192	To Receive Apologies and Reasons for Absence Cllr Carney (Chair), Cllr Betts, Cllr Giles, Cllr Hayat, Cllr Reeves, Cllr Wright	Noted
23FC/193	To Co-opt new Members to Girton Parish Councillor	Not Applicable
23FC/194	To Receive Members' Declarations of Interest and Dispensations - None	
23FC/195	Public Participation – No Members of the public present	
23FC/196	To Approve Minutes of Girton Parish Council Full Council Meetings: 10th January 2024 <u>Approval:</u> <i>Cllr Crawley proposed. Cllr Marshall seconded. Three in favour. Two abstentions due to absence.</i>	Approved
23FC/197	To Approve payment of outstanding accounts due <u>Approval:</u> <i>Cllr Brown proposed. Cllr Linton seconded. Unanimous Approval.</i>	Approved
23FC/198	Business items requiring a decision, or consideration by the Council	For Decision
23FC/198.1	Council to note outstanding invoice 930270 for the sum of £3,003.00 including VAT owed to Birketts who are still chasing Taylor Wimpey for payment.	Noted
23FC/198.2	Council to consider and approve provision of authority for Birketts LLP to provide separate authority on behalf of Girton Parish Council to make the manuscript amendments on its behalf as the deed of rectification has already been signed. <u>Approval:</u> <i>Cllr Brown proposed. Cllr Marshall seconded. Unanimous Approval.</i> <u>Debate Highlights:</u> Cllr Marshall reminded Council to note the significant time taken on this exercise. Birkett's comment that no money would be charged to GPC was noted as per 23FC/198.	Approved

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	It was noted that Birkett's came to Council to give background on this initiative but did not speak. Girton-Parish-Council-@Full-Council-Approved-Minutes-9th-November-2022-at-7.30pm-Minutes-Only.pdf (girton-cambs.org.uk)	
23FC/198.3	<p>Council to consider and approve provision of authority for Birketts LLP to complete the deed of rectification.</p> <p>Approval: Cllr Linton proposed. Cllr Marshall seconded. Unanimous Approval.</p>	Approved
23FC/199	<p>To Receive Correspondence addressed to the Council.</p> <p>Cllr Marshall noted that he had heard from a resident that there might be a possibility that St. Vincent's Close Community Centre might be closing.</p>	Noted
23FC/200	<p>To Approve Communication of items from this Agenda</p> <p>Approval: Cllr Muston proposed. Cllr Linton seconded. Unanimous Approval.</p> <p><i>This item is designed to ensure that Council can approve key items of communication from this meeting on Council Website, Facebook, and Twitter.</i></p>	Approved
23FC/201	Date of next meeting(s): 13th March 2024 at 7.30pm.	
Meeting Ended: 18:51		

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NOTICE of MEETING: **GIRTON PARISH COUNCIL**
MEETING **FULL COUNCIL**
DATE & TIME: **Wednesday 14th February at 7.30pm**
VENUE: **Girton Recreation Ground, Cambridge Road Girton**

Members: 14 Vacancies: 1 Quorum: 5

MINUTES

Agenda Item	Item Description	Action/ Power
<p>Members: [Eight] Cllr Carney (Chair), Cllr Muston (Vice-Chair) Cllr Crawley, Cllr Giles, Cllr Hayat, Cllr Marshall, Cllr Reeves, Cllr Wright.</p> <p>Present: Yvonne Murray (GPC Clerk), Angie Vidler (Facilities Manager)</p> <p>Members of Public: Ten (including Cllr Marshall (CCC), Cllr Stobbart (SCDC), Cllr Garvie (SCDC))</p>		
23FC/180	Welcome from the Chair	
23FC/181	<p>To Receive Apologies and Reasons for Absence Apologies: Cllr Betts, Cllr Brown, Cllr Clare, Cllr Lampe, Cllr Linton,</p> <p>Cllr Carney noted that Cllr Williams had not attended meeting for seven months since GPC began noting apologies. He therefore ceases to be a Councillor for Girton Parish Council under the six-month rule. Cllr Carney noted that he was welcome to apply to be co-opted back onto Council at any time.</p> <p>Cllr Carney noted that Cllr Williams had been on Girton Parish Council for many years. He had previously been chair of the Parish Council and had given a lot of time and effort for Girton and for the Parish Council. Everyone on Council thanked and acknowledged him for all his work for Girton.</p>	Noted
23FC/182	To Co-opt new Members to Girton Parish Councillor	Not Applicable
23FC/183	To Receive Members' Declarations of Interest and Dispensations – None	
23FC/184	<p>Public Participation</p> <p><u>Dave Fryer (Chairman of Girton Bowls Club)</u> Dave noted that three members of the Bowls Club were attending GPC this evening with a particular interest in Agenda Items 23FC/190.3 and 23FC/190.4. GBC hoped for a successful conclusion to these items to allow the order of a Club House/Pavilion at Wellbrook Way Bowling green.</p> <p>Dave noted that Wellbrook Bowling Green had been delivered for the village after many years of campaigning. Subsequently, a committee had been formed in the expectation that after two years facilities for the Bowling Green would be provided for GBC. This had not proved to be the case.</p>	

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	<p>To consider where GBC and GPC are now there seemed to have been a sea change in the Parish Council listening to residents. After a lot of hard work by GPC/GBC, including GTC, toilets for Bowling Green have now been ordered and a decision on whether to order a clubhouse/pavilion was on tonight's agenda.</p> <p>He felt there had been a total change in working with relationship with GPC and thanked the council for their support.</p> <p><u>Graham Clare, Environment question</u></p> <p>Graham attending as a member of the public and a member of Girton Bowls Club noted that in the Environment committee report, it was noted that GPC wished to declare a Climate Emergency in March Full Council. Whilst he noted that Climate change was an issue, he asked why the use of the work Emergency was used as it was emotive?</p> <p>Cllr Giles noted that Parish Councils are encouraged to consider 'Climate Emergency' and note their intent to consider all issues with Climate Change in mind.</p> <p>She noted the wording Climate Emergency is a description used which is outside Girton Parish Council's control.</p> <p>She noted that GPC could go to the Parish and ask their opinion regarding whether GPC should call a Climate Emergency.</p> <p>She confirmed if a Climate Emergency is approved in March 2024 Full Council, then the Parish Council have committed to put into place initiatives to mitigate some of the effects of Climate Change.</p>	
23FC/185	To Receive Reports <i>(for information only)</i>	10 Mins
23FC/185.1	<p>County Councillor</p> <p>Cllr Murphy confirmed CCC had approved their budget. She noted two positive issues included in the budget from her perspective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More investment on Highways Maintenance, in fact £50k more over 2 years in recognition of the poor status of highways, footpaths, cycle paths, gulleys, drains. • Meal vouchers for children. <p>She noted it was an achievement to set a balanced budget by CCC. Currently, there is incredible financial pressure, especially on County Councils. This pressure was increased by the incredible ramping up of the costs of social care, in particular children's children care. One case at CCC is costing £80k per week for 24/7 care. CCC cannot take easy action to mitigate these costs.</p> <p>Currently for next year something like eight out of ten County Councils feel they may not be able to set a balanced budget. When this is the case Councils are vulnerable to government stepping in and making cuts. CCC do not believe they will be in that position.</p>	

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	<p>Cllr Carney raised the need for GPC to circulate documentation released by CCC and SCDC so critical information is in the public domain. He noted the more we can boost this information the better and noted information on measles needed to be distributed. Cllr Murphy highlighted measles has now appeared in Cambridge.</p>	
23FC/185.2	<p>District Councillors</p> <p>Cllr Garvie noted the disquiet around parking outside Gretton School on the High Street and the fact it is narrowing High Street to one lane.</p> <p>Cllr Carney noted this was legal parking which was causing disruption to residents. He confirmed that GPC had approved and submitted an LHI bid to CCC to extend double yellow lines on that section of High Street. He confirmed GPC were aware of the problem and had taken action in the best way it could.</p> <p>Cllr Stobart noted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rural England Prosperity fund This scheme is part of the Levelling up agenda for Capital projects. Individual projects can request up to £200k. He confirmed that money needed to be spent by March next year, so applications need to be pursued quickly. South Cambs Councillors were happy to facilitate as much as they are able. • There is currently lots of discussion around Planning process for Parish Council. Many applications are decided by one officer with delegated responsibility. He confirmed that Parish Council planning committees can request that applications go to Committee. He noted that there is a delegated planning decision meeting that decides if an application goes forward. This meeting is fully minuted. He encouraged GPC to request applications to go to Committee where needed. South Cambs Councillors are happy to attend Committees to support parish. <p>Cllr Carney asked whether schemes already underway are eligible for the Rural England Prosperity Fund. Cllr Stobart was unsure and so noted it is a question that should be asked of SCDC.</p>	
23FC/185.3	<p>Girton Town Charity (No Report this month)</p>	
23FC/185.4	<p>Girton Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>Andrew Muston (Girton Neighbourhood Plan Lead) highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GPC was awaiting confirmation of their grant application. • Communication with the village would take place on confirmation of receipt of the above led by Cllr Brown. 	
23FC/185.5	<p>Clerk's Report</p> <p>GPC Clerk noted that Council was now beginning to consider significant projects. She highlighted to Council if there was any item on the agenda that they were not ready to consider due to e.g. number of councillors present or a lack of information then it was fine to consider deferring these items and requesting more information as needed.</p> <p>She noted that post Council taking a lot of time reviewing and approving the budget the theme to consider was 'Optimum use of all assets owned by Council'.</p>	

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23FC/185.6	Chair's Report Cllr Carney confirmed he had nothing to add to his report. There were no questions.	
23FC/186	To Approve Minutes of Girton Parish Council Full Council Meetings: 10 th January 2024, 17 th January 2024, 23 rd January 2024. Approval of 17th January 2024 Minutes: <i>Cllr Carney proposed. Cllr Reeves seconded. Seven in favour. One Abstention.</i> Approval of 23rd January 2024 Minutes: <i>Cllr Carney proposed. Cllr Reeves seconded. Seven in favour. One Abstention.</i> Approval of 10th January 2024 Minutes: <i>Deferred.</i>	Approved Note: 10th January 2024 minutes deferred
23FC/187	Matters arising from Previous Meetings (for information only)	For Information
23FC/187.1	Action List: See items now complete below. Action list will be reviewed at Full Council 23FC/160.3 - Pavilion Roof and Gully Cleaning now complete 23FC/160.4 – Outside Foodbank in St Vincent's Close run by Lighthouse Lantern Mental Health Training. 23FC/160.6 - CCC LHI Bid for 2024/2025 bid now submitted to CCC. 23FC/160.7 to 23FC/160.10 – Budget and Budgetary process now complete. Precept request now submitted to SCDC. See article in Feb Girton Parish News and Girton Village Community Website. Thank you to all GPC Staff members, Councillors and Girton organisations and residents for their help in completing these approved GPC tasks. Debate Highlights: Cllr Reeves asked about the white lines that were due to be painted in Girton Recreation Ground car park and when they were due to be completed. See Item 23FC/190.6 Cllr Marshall noted that the project to fully mark out white lines on the car park should probably be delayed until after the car park was fixed.	
23FC/187.2	Any other Matters arising – A chance to raise any comments/concerns on previous agenda items	
23FC/188	To Receive update from GPC Committees & Working Groups (For information only)	To Note
23FC/188.1	Environment Committee Cllr Giles thanked Cllr Carney and GPC Clerk for their work on the LHI bid.	
23FC/188.2	Local Nature Recovery Working Group – Intention for No Mow Summer. On agenda for March 2024. Cllr Muston noted that hedges in the village had intruded onto pavements. She asked if it would be a good idea to contact people in the village and ask them to take action in cutting back these hedges? Cllr Carney noted that he had highlighted a list of areas where work was needed. Council agreed a reminder to residents was needed to cut back ahead of the bird nesting season.	
23FC/188.3	Footpath Officer's Report (No Report this month)	
23FC/188.4	Water Management Report (No Report this month)	
23FC/188.5	Finance & Resource Management Committee	

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	<p>Cllr Muston noted that GPC is investing money in the Community, whilst other councils were cutting back. Cllr Carney noted the discussion on monies requested by Godfrey & Hicks. GPC Clerk noted that would be discussed under the Finance items.</p>	
23FC/188.6	<p>HR Committee (to include CAPALC Report)</p> <p>Cllr Muston noted HR Committee would be considering making dates of GPC meetings more flexible including Full Council not always occurring on a Wednesday. She felt this may encourage more people to become Councillors. As Council now included Councillors with full time job, she hoped this would encourage councillors to have a better work life balance. Recommendation around this opportunity is to be included in HR meeting on 28th January.</p> <p>Cllr Muston noted the webinars she had been attending and urged other Councillors to attend or to register to receive the recordings of these webinars.</p>	
23FC/188.7	<p>Planning Committee (No Report This month)</p>	
23FC/188.8	<p>Sport & Recreation Committee</p> <p>No questions were raised. Cllr Hayat, author of the report was not present.</p>	
23FC/188.9	<p>Events Working Group</p> <p>Date of next meeting confirmed as 14th March 2023.</p>	
23FC/188.10	<p>Wellbrook Way Facilities Task & Finish Group</p> <p>Input by Dave Fryer (GBC Chair) under public participation was noted. No questions.</p>	
23FC/188.11	<p>Pavilion Refurbishment Task & Finish Group</p> <p>Cllr Muston highlighted that the income streams of all clubs and generated by all GPC facilities needed to be reviewed to ensure that GPC can improve facilities available for Girton.</p> <p>Date of next meeting confirmed as 14th March 2023.</p> <p>Cllr Carney noted this Group had not met for some time.</p>	
23FC/189	<p>To Approve Finance and Resource Management</p>	<p>For Decision</p>
23FC/189.1	<p>To note payment of accounts under delegated approval</p>	<p>Noted</p>
23FC/189.2	<p>To Approve payment of outstanding accounts due</p> <p><u>Approval:</u> <i>Cllr Carney proposed. Cllr Marshall seconded. Unanimous Approval.</i></p> <p><u>Debate Highlights:</u></p> <p>Cllr Carney asked about the invoice for SafeSite Ltd for the hire of temporary barriers whilst awaiting the installation of Car Park bollards. GPC Clerk confirmed this was an invoice dated 31st August 2023 that had not been sent by the Company for the extended hire of the barrier whilst the bollards were being fitted. Safesite had sent a statement and GPC Clerk had identified an invoice needed to be sent. It thus appeared on the payment schedule for this month.</p> <p><u>Godfrey & Hicks payment DEFERRED approval:</u> <i>Cllr Carney proposed. Cllr Marshall seconded. Seven in favour. One Abstention.</i></p> <p><u>Debate Highlights:</u></p>	<p>Approved</p> <p>Godfrey & Hicks payment of retention was deferred subject to GPC seeking advice.</p>

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	<p>GPC Clerk explained the background to the invoice request for £1,406.88 retention payment from Godfrey & Hicks who were the appointed builders under the original Pavilion Refurbishment project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When GPC decided to cease the above project. GPC had written to LXA and Godfrey & Hicks to ask if any money was owed. • It had been confirmed that this was not the case. • However, a bill for £1,406.88 has now been received from LXA on behalf of Godfrey & Hicks. • GPC Clerk had spoken to LXA and Godfrey and Hicks by phone on 29th January 2024 to ask if either of them was interested in quoting for the Master planning work. They were not interested in this work, but LXA confirmed they could provide suggestions for companies who may be interested. GPC Clerk highlighted to LXA & Godfrey & Hicks the email exchange in 2023 where both companies had confirmed by email there was no money outstanding from GPC for the project. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LXA confirmed that this money needed to be paid to Godfrey & Hicks. No money was due to LXA. • Godfrey & Hicks confirmed that as a gesture of goodwill he would be happy to work with GPC's contractors when the master planner reached that stage. • GPC Clerk confirmed she would raise to Council. • GPC Clerk noted how important and proactive Godfrey & Hicks had been in highlighting and supporting possibilities as GPC Council made their decision as to whether to cease the previous project. <p>Cllr Muston noted her concerns about LXA responses during the original project and the lack of success of the Value engineering exercise. A significant amount of money had been paid for this work that did not come to fruition. She asked Council to consider whether this bill should be paid by GPC.</p> <p>Cllr Reeves asked about the details of the payment. Council reviewed the payment and Angie Vidler pointed out the reason was stated as retention. Council then confirmed they were happy with the details provided.</p> <p>Cllr Marshall noted he was not sure where GPC stood legally regarding payment. He felt legal advice may be needed.</p> <p>Cllr Carney noted he felt that Council was not yet able to approve the £1,406.88 payment. He felt we should seek advice. This payment was deferred subject to GPC Clerk seeking advice.</p>	
23FC/189.3	To Receive a report from Facilities Manager on Amounts paid in	Noted
23FC/189.4	<p>Council to consider and approve removal of all Councillors who have now left Girton Parish Council from Cambridge Building Society accounts. Mrs J Buckler, Mr D de Lacey, Ms R C Barnes, Mrs C S Pollock</p> <p>Approval: <i>Cllr Carney proposed. Cllr Muston seconded. Unanimous Approval.</i> Note: Motions 23FC/189.4 & 189.5 were taken together.</p>	Approved
23FC/189.5	Council to consider and approve removal of all Councillors who have now left Girton Parish Council from Melton Mowbray Building Society account.	Approved

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	<p>Mr D de Lacey, Mrs V Godby, Ms R C Barnes, Mrs C S Pollock <u>Approval:</u> <i>Cllr Carney proposed. Cllr Reeves seconded.</i></p> <p><u>Approval for Amended Motion:</u> <i>Cllr Carney proposed. Cllr Muston seconded. Unanimous Approval.</i></p> <p><u>Amended Motion:</u> Council to consider and approve removal of all Councillors who have now left Girton Parish Council from Cambridge Building Society accounts. Mrs J Buckler, Mr D de Lacey, Ms R C Barnes, Mrs C S Pollock, Mr H Williams</p>	
23FC/189.6	<p>Council to consider and approve addition of following signatories to Cambridge Building Society accounts: Cllr Muston, Cllr Carney, Cllr Hayat, Cllr Marshall</p> <p><u>Approval:</u> <i>Cllr Carney proposed. Cllr Reeves seconded. Unanimous Approval.</i></p> <p><u>Debate Highlights:</u> Cllr Carney noted the rationale for including the above Councillors as signatories. He noted that four signatories are the maximum number for an account.</p>	Approved
23FC/189.7	<p>Council to consider and approve addition of following signatories to Melton Mowbray Building Society accounts: Cllr Muston, Cllr Carney, Cllr Hayat, Cllr Marshall.</p> <p><u>Approval:</u> <i>Cllr Carney proposed. Cllr Reeves seconded. Unanimous Approval.</i></p> <p><u>Debate Highlights:</u> Cllr Carney noted the rationale for including the above Councillors as signatories. He noted that four signatories are the maximum number for an account.</p>	Approved
23FC/189.8	<p>Council to approve proposal to move Girton Parish Council funds to higher interest savings product. <i>Note: Proposal submitted by Cllr Carney to be included in February Full Council Agenda Pack</i></p> <p><u>Approval:</u> <i>Cllr Carney proposed. Cllr Marshall seconded. Unanimous Approval.</i></p> <p><u>Debate Highlights:</u> Cllr Carney noted that GPC would lose access to money invested in this account for one year but would receive a much better rate of return. He stated that in an absolute emergency then GPC could take out a short-term loan which could be paid back at the end of a year.</p>	Approved
23FC/189.9	<p>Council to approve obtaining debit cards for current bank account and any future accounts for: Facilities Manager, Groundsman, Parish Ranger, Local Nature Recovery Group chair. <i>Note: Process for use of these cards will be created and brought to March Full Council.</i></p> <p><u>Approval:</u> <i>Cllr Carney proposed. Cllr Muston seconded. Unanimous Approval.</i></p> <p><u>Debate Highlights:</u> Cllr Carney noted cards were required for team members who regularly need to make purchases. The cards would allow the process of routine purchases to be</p>	Approved

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	<p>streamlined. A process for how these cards could be used would come to March Full Council.</p> <p>Cllr Reeves asked if it was possible for GPC to use credit cards rather than debit cards which may afford more protection. GPC Clerk confirmed they had investigated some months ago and the answer was no, but she would look again. Angie Vidler confirmed these cards also allowed money to be paid into accounts.</p>	
23FC/190	Business items requiring a decision, or consideration by the Council	For Decision
23FC/190.1	<p>Council to consider and approve trial use of online Application for Girton residents to report and view progress of reported issues. The purpose of this application is to further improve openness and transparency of the work of Girton Parish Council and to support the work of Office and Ground staff including the new Parish Ranger. See separate PowerPoint presentation on Girton Village Community website:</p> <p>https://www.girton-cambs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/RePort.pdf</p> <p><u>Approval:</u> Cllr Carney proposed. Cllr Marshall seconded. Unanimous approval.</p> <p><u>Debate Highlights:</u></p> <p>Cllr Carney suspended Standing Orders for Gideon, a Girton resident to present the online application he had developed in response to a possible improvement in GPC process. He had noted the potential for this application working with GPC Clerk on an issue he had highlighted to Council.</p> <p>He noted that he was doing the work as a volunteer to give back to Girton, where he had lived for the last seven years.</p> <p>The following benefits of the application were presented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to streamline communication and increase transparency of issues in Girton and GPC workload. • The APP would reduce the significant volume of emails currently being received by Council. • Cllr Marshall confirmed he had tested the application and found it brilliantly easy. • Cllr Giles asked if any other software could be used. Gideon confirmed that he had knowledge of Amazon software and therefore the work could be progressed quickly. • Cllr Muston thanked Gideon for all the time he had put into developing the application, for having the idea and for bringing it to council. She noted the time that Council spent on emails and communications. • Cllr Wright noted the potential of this application in supporting GPC operational workload could be limitless. • Cllr Giles asked about responsibilities of CCC and SCDC that may be reported (incorrectly) to GPC. Gideon confirmed these could be forwarded, potentially automatically via the system. • Cllr Crawley suggested that a use case analysis would be useful to add to the slide deck. • Cllr Carney noted the need to establish ownership of the tool. Gideon confirmed it was currently in an account and domain he owned. • Cllr Carney also noted the key person risk if GPC did not have someone who could support the software. Gideon confirmed this needed to be considered. 	Approved

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GPC Clerk noted this application was a further addition to GPC’s data governance tools. This would allow Council and the Community all to contribute in highlighting the priorities and issues for GPC. It would also allow via the Dashboard functionality to enable the Community to have much greater oversight of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workload of Girton Parish Council. • Speed of response to issues raised. • Determination of priorities of Staff Team including Parish Ranger. • Outstanding work for Council. <p>Having considered the above Council then approved of use of the application on a test basis as per the motion presented.</p>	
23FC/190.2	<p>Council to consider and approve quote to appoint a Master Planner for GPC to plan GPC Facilities Management. The Pavilion Refurbishment project specification and implementation being a priority requirement ideally being started in 2024.</p> <p><u>Approval:</u> <i>Cllr Marshall proposed. Cllr Reeves seconded. Unanimous Approval.</i></p> <p><u>Debate Highlights:</u></p> <p>Cllr Carney noted there were two quotes for this item. He asked if Council believed they understood the purpose of a master planner and Council confirmed they did.</p> <p>GPC Clerk confirmed that two additional quotes had been sought from Perkin & Will and PCH Associates. (See Business case).</p> <p>Cllr Carney asked if there was any reason why the less expensive quote should mean less work was covered. GPC Clerk confirmed further questions had been asked of Wilby and Burnett and the same work would be covered. It appeared that the quotes were like for like. She confirmed that the master planners should consider all requirements and potential for GPC assets and then present potential priorities to Council. Once these considerations were taken into account, then GPC could move on with the required work.</p> <p>Cllr Muston commented on the size of Northmore’s quote. She understood from emails received that high quotes had been received from them before. GPC Clerk confirmed that she felt that Northmores were excited to quote for this project.</p> <p>GPC Clerk confirmed the need to ensure Social Value and optimum use of GPC Assets on all projects so that projects undertaken gave benefit to as many Girton residents as possible. She noted the need for the master planner to get the requirements of all groups. The job of the master planner is then to distill those requirements and move on with the prioritized deliverables.</p> <p>Cllr Carney raised the proposal of an amendment to reflect the holistic nature of this project. This amendment would exclude the Pavilion refurbishment from the motion so that it was clear that this motion was wider than just Girton Pavilion. He confirmed that all facilities need to be looked at as part of the project. GPC Clerk cautioned against an amendment as the Pavilion refurbishment has been a priority for Girton for many years. This amendment was not seconded. However, the wider scope of the project was noted.</p> <p>Cllr Carney noted that in this master planning exercise GPC should be sure the Pavilion refurbishment is in fact a priority.</p>	Approved

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	<p>Cllr Marshall noted his involvement in bringing forward consideration of a Master Planner. He noted that it became increasingly apparent that the Pavilion could not be separated from its surroundings when planning and listing requirements. He stated that GPC need to manage our surroundings to the very best advantage for Girton. The Pavilion is likely to remain a priority as it services most of the Recreation Ground user groups and teams. He felt that when money is spent GPC needs to spend to the best possible advantage and benefit to the village. In addition, a realistic income stream is required from all assets to allow investment for the future. Environmental sustainability also needs to be regarded as a priority. If GPC should triple the number of people coming to the pavilion, (which would still not be a huge amount) he noted the need for significant extra car parking. That is why Cllr Marshall had always felt that a master planner was so important in this exercise. He noted that the pavilion project should not be diminished in any way. The Pavilion project, however, needed to be completed in alignment with other surroundings.</p> <p>GPC confirmed the next stage was to confirm to Wilby & Burnett they had been successful in their quote and to put together a set of stakeholders who would be working with Wilby & Burnett to identify initial requirements.</p>	
23FC/190.3	<p>Council to consider and approve quote for legal advice on Human Resources and Employment following approval of 23FC/115.9 approved in 11th October 2023 meeting. See October 2023 Approved Minutes:</p> <p>https://www.girton-cambs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Girton-Parish-Council-@Full-Council-Approved-Minutes-11th-October-2023-at-7.30pm.pdf</p> <p>Approval: <i>Cllr Carney proposed. Cllr Marshall seconded. Unanimous approval.</i></p> <p>Debate Highlights:</p> <p>GPC Clerk confirmed that the worknest support would significantly reduce the work on compliance at GPC. She noted that she had contacted CAPALC, and they had confirmed Worknest was regarded as a specialist service and therefore only one quote was provided for Council to consider.</p> <p>GPC noted that Cllr Muston and herself had attended many webinars on Parish Council compliance requirements and Worknest for her had proved the best and most information. Cllr Muston confirmed this was the case.</p> <p>GPC Clerk confirmed the scope of the support provided by Worknest (See Business Case). She noted that this was another addition to the Data Governance tools of GPC.</p> <p>Cllr Giles asked if this software/support would allow a required grazing contract to be put in place for which GPC had been working for a year and a half. GPC Clerk confirmed it would.</p> <p>Cllr Marshall stated he had listened to all the videos supplied by Worknest and circulated by GPC Clerk and noted the need for such support for Girton. At a cursory glance at all videos, he thought the software looked intuitive and simple to work with.</p> <p>Cllr Muston noted that Work nest provided specialist support that HR department had been requesting over the past 18 months and gave us a partnership for continuous immediate access where needed.</p>	Approved
23FC/190.4	<p>Following a GPC workshop held on 8th February 2024 including members of Finance Committee and GPC Members of the Wellbrook Way Task & Finish</p>	Approved

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	<p>Group, Council to consider and approve income to be received from Girton Bowls Club for 2024/2025 only and for placement of order for a Clubhouse/Pavilion on Girton Bowling Green at Wellbrook Way.</p> <p><i>Note: Paper from Girton Bowls Club to be included in Full Council Agenda Pack. Heads of Terms for Bowling Green still to be completed and brought to Council for approval in a subsequent Full Council meeting. Review of Terms & Conditions and Charges for all Sports users to be key priority for Girton Parish Council during 2024/2025. Thank you to Girton Bowls Club for their continuing discussions and help in bringing this project to fruition.</i></p> <p>Approval: Cllr Carney proposed. Cllr Marshall seconded. Unanimous approval.</p> <p>Debate Highlights:</p> <p>Cllr Carney thanked GPC Clerk, Councillors and GPC Bowls Club for all their work. He noted the focus that has been placed on Value for Money (Vfm) to ensure that all GPC facilities were sustainable.</p> <p>He noted and thanked Dave Fryer for negotiating the discount on the club house that would be held to 15th February if this item was to be approved.</p> <p>The £2,600 income from GPC bowls club for 2024/2025 provided a return on investment for the club house.</p> <p>Cllr Muston noted that GPC/GBC had carried out due diligence on this project and this process had considered the need for these facilities to benefit as much as possible the whole village.</p>	
23FC/190.5	<p>Council to consider and approve delegation to GPC Facilities Manager working with Girton Bowls Club to obtain quotes for chairs, tables and any other furniture required for Wellbrook Way Facilities. Funding request to be brought to March Full Council.</p> <p>Approval: Cllr Carney proposed. Cllr Marshall seconded. Unanimous approval.</p>	Approved
23FC/190.6	<p>Council to consider and approve recommended quote to flush out the drains in Girton Pavilion Car Park to prevent Flooding.</p> <p>Approval: Cllr Carney proposed. Cllr Giles seconded. Unanimous approval.</p> <p>Debate Highlights:</p> <p>Cllr Reeves noted Cllr Williams' comments about connection of a soakaway.</p> <p>Cllr Marshall stated that when GPC were considering the Car Park bollards it had been confirmed that a significant part of the reason for the flooding was the disjoint in the car park surfacing in joining up to the car park. To fully resolve this may need significant work. The surface of the car park may need to be scraped back to look at connection to the soakaway.</p> <p>GPC Clerk confirmed that this was a short-term project to clear the drains as the groundsman and the contractor though this may make a difference.</p> <p>Cllr Marshall noted that the project to fully mark out white lines on the car park should probably be delayed until after the car park was fixed.</p>	Approved
23FC/190.7	<p>Council to note that Fire Alarm to meet requirements of Fire Assessment and noted in 2023/2024 Budget to be ordered by GPC Clerk following approval of 23FC/115.3 in 11th October meeting.</p>	Noted

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	<p>https://www.girton-cambs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Girton-Parish-Council-@Full-Council-Approved-Minutes-11th-October-2023-at-7.30pm.pdf</p> <p>Debate Highlights: Cllr Carney noted two quotes had been received. GPC Clerk noted that the budget line for this item was up to £8,445 for this item. She also highlighted the work being carried out to complete the requirements on the recent Fire Risk Assessment by GPC Parish Ranger.</p>	
23FC/190.8	<p>Council to approve investigation and implementation of Instagram account to be led by GPC Facilities Manager.</p> <p>Approval: <i>Cllr Carney proposed. Cllr Reeves seconded. Unanimous approval.</i></p>	Approved
23FC/191	<p>To Receive Correspondence addressed to the Council. No Correspondence presented to Council.</p>	Noted
23FC/192	<p>To Approve Communication of items from this Agenda <i>This item is designed to ensure that Council can approve key items of communication from this meeting on Council Website, Facebook, and Twitter.</i></p> <p>Approval: <i>Cllr Carney proposed. Cllr Marshall seconded. Unanimous approval.</i></p>	Approved
23FC/193	<p>Date of next meeting(s): 13th March 2024 at 7.30pm</p>	Noted
Meeting Ended: 21:34		

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NOTICE of MEETING: **GIRTON PARISH COUNCIL**
MEETING **FULL COUNCIL**
DATE & TIME: **Wednesday 10th January at 7.30pm**
VENUE: **Girton Recreation Ground, Cambridge Road Girton**

Members: 14 Vacancies: 1 Quorum: 5

MINUTES

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Members: [Eight] Cllr Carney (Chair), Cllr Muston (Vice-Chair), Cllr Crawley, Cllr Giles, Cllr Hayat, Cllr Lampe, Cllr Marshall, Cllr Reeves. Present: Yvonne Murray (GPC Clerk), Angie Vidler (Facilities Manager) Members of Public: Six (including Cllr Garvie)		
23FC/147	Welcome from the Chair	
23FC/148	To Receive Apologies and Reasons for Absence Apologies: Cllr Williams, Cllr Brown, Cllr Clare, Cllr Betts, Cllr Wright, Cllr Linton Cllr Muston highlighted the Noted Apologies as confirmed by August Full Council.	Noted
23FC/149	To Co-opt new Members to Girton Parish Councillor	Not Applicable
23FC/150	To Receive Members' Declarations of Interest and Dispensations – No declarations received.	Noted
23FC/151	Public Participation – <i>No members of the public wished to speak.</i>	
23FC/152	To Receive Reports (<i>for information only</i>)	10 Mins
23FC/152.1	<p style="text-align: center;">County Councillor - Nothing to add.</p> <p>Cllr Murphy noted the following:</p> <p>Levelling Up. Cllr Carney asked if GPC should contact other Parish Councils Cllr Murphy encouraged contact with larger parishes e.g. HIPC, Bar Hill, Northstowe. Cllr Stobart – echoed Cllr Murphy’s comments and stated he believed the issues for local communities are enormous. He encouraged GPC to write to their MP. GPC highlighted that there was formerly a Parish Council Forum that could be encouraged to meet on such matters.</p> <p>Reliance on Villages on Traffic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing traffic coming toward Cambridge from East/West to Oxford. <p>Note received from Cllr Carney on 04/03/2024: 23FC/152.1 - Levelling Up</p>	

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	<p>comment requires better context. I think it is in relation to the DLUHC's plans for an additional 250,000 houses in an around Cambridge. I noted that Parish Council's had not been contacted or consulted and asked whether it would be worthwhile. Note on traffic doesn't make sense - won't come from West towards Oxford.</p> <p>Need for more houses.</p> <p>Cambridge was an area of growth, but the proposals come forward are without consideration of any infrastructure: Water, Schools, Transport and the need for national funding.</p> <p>It was noted that infrastructure is part of what is missing in our planning system today. Combined Authority passes broad planning strategy for county – multi-modal, rails, light rails and bus. Cllr Murphy had just today attended a talk by officers whereby there may be an option of franchising.</p> <p>Without funding for local connections franchising may not be possible. CCC had crunched the numbers and found it may be possible.</p>	
23FC/152.2	<p>District Councillors</p> <p>Cllr Stobart noted the following:</p> <p>Transport Strategy work by GCP.</p> <p>was included in the SCDC Report including details of the Local transport and connectivity plan. He recommended that GPC review this information and comment.</p> <p>Bus Services</p> <p>Cllr Stobart asked GPC to give feedback.</p> <p>He noted the strategy was more than just buses. Combined Authority are planning to provide other items e.g., Light Rail. Not enough road to do everything we need. Cllr Hayat asked whether clusters should be considered so there was less dependance on transport as a way of managing the transport crisis.</p> <p>Cllr Carney asked whether in one of our next meetings we will have a formal response from GPC.</p> <p>Civil Parking</p> <p>Now Active. Tickets may be received now but there is nothing payable until 1st February. Feedback had not yet been received from Girton.</p> <p>Local Plan Date</p> <p>Cllr Stobart commented on the date of the Local Plan, notwithstanding what was said about the year 2040. The Local Plan remains that summary of how Greater Cambridgeshire will be developed. The LP should have been published in Autumn but was not due to the need for further detail on water and buses. The end of March is now planned for receipt of new LP. SCDC will keep updating GPC on that. He noted that NP in Girton will complement the new LP.</p>	
23FC/152.3	Girton Town Charity (No Report this month)	

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23FC/152.4	Girton Neighbourhood Plan – No Report due to Christmas Break.	
23FC/152.5	Clerk's Report – No Questions GPC Clerk noted the important change in confirming the precept request with Committees signing off a 1-year budget for this year feeding into the request to SCDC.	
23FC/152.6	Chair's Report – No Questions	
23FC/153	To Approve Minutes of Girton Parish Council Full Council Meetings: 13th December 2023. <i>This item was deferred to give Council a chance to further consider any comments.</i>	Deferred
23FC/154	Matters arising from Previous Meetings (<i>for information only</i>)	For Information
23FC/154.1	Action List	
23FC/154.2	Any other Matters arising – A chance to raise any comments/concerns on previous agenda items	
23FC/155	To Receive update from GPC Committees & Working Groups (<i>For information only</i>)	Noted
23FC/155.1	Environment Committee – No report due to Christmas Break	
23FC/155.2	Local Nature Recovery Working Group – No Questions	
23FC/155.3	Footpath Officer's Report (See Chair's Report)	
23FC/155.4	Water Management Report (No Report this month)	
23FC/155.5	Finance & Resource Management Committee - Report viewed with precept agenda items.	
23FC/155.6	HR Committee (to include CAPALC Report) Cllr Muston noted the LCAS Award Scheme and the aim to get more people onto the council. She also highlighted the 6-month rule for Councillors before disqualification from Council. She reminded Council that when apologies were noted but not accepted (as GPC had been advised) the 6-month disqualification rule applied. When someone has not attended for 6 months there is no need for Councillors to approve Councillors being disqualified.	
23FC/155.7	Planning Committee (No Report This month) Cllr Carney noted that the previous planning meeting had been non-quorate. He would like to encourage Councillors to attend.	
23FC/155.8	Sport & Recreation Committee – No report due to Christmas break	
23FC/155.9	Events Working Group Cllr Marshall noted that anything can be an event and it may not need to be planned. He noted GPC's collaboration with WCCC and Cakes by Lexi at the Christmas Fayre. He noted that there was another Treasure Hunt planned for Girton for this year. Last year's event had been popular, and he was open to suggestions. He noted the opportunities to work with Darwin Green. He would like GPC to be seen more as part of the community and to be a support for other local organisations as needed.	
23FC/155.10	Wellbrook Way Facilities Task & Finish Group – No questions	
23FC/155.11	Pavilion Refurbishment Task & Finish Group The initial tasks of the Parish Ranger who was currently working for a probationary period were highlighted.	

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	Comments had been received from the Community about work that was being completed by GPC.	
23FC/156	To Approve Finance and Resource Management	For Decision
23FC/157.1	To note payment of accounts under delegated approval	Noted
23FC/158.2	To Approve payment of outstanding accounts due	Approved
23FC/159.3	To Receive a report from Facilities Manager on Amounts paid in	Noted
23FC/160	Business items requiring a decision, or consideration by the Council	For Decision
23FC/160.1	<p>Council to consider and approve GPC Clerk obtaining three quotes for a Master Planner to plan the Pavilion Refurbishment project with the aim of confirming specification and making a start on this project in 2024.</p> <p><u>Amended Motion:</u> Council to consider and approve GPC Clerk obtaining three quotes for a Master Planner to plan the Pavilion Refurbishment project within an overview of the entire GPC Facilities with the aim of confirming specification and making a start on this project in 2024.</p> <p><u>Approval for Amended Motion:</u> <i>Cllr Lampey proposed. Cllr Carney seconded. Unanimous Approval.</i></p> <p><u>Debate Highlights:</u> The following requirements were noted for this exercise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GPC needed professional support for Pavilion and all GPC Assets - Clarity on scope would be needed. - Any development needed to be sustainable. 	Approved
23FC/160.2	<p>Council to note following approval of 23FC/115.9 approved in 11th October 2023 meeting that GPC Clerk will be obtaining quotes for legal advice. See October 2023 Approved Minutes: https://www.girton-cambs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Girton-Parish-Council-@Full-Council-Approved-Minutes-11th-October-2023-at-7.30pm.pdf</p>	Noted
23FC/160.3	<p>Council to consider and approve recommended quote for Roof and Gully cleaning for Girton Recreation Ground Pavilion</p> <p><u>Approval:</u> <i>Cllr Carney proposed. Cllr Marshall seconded. Unanimous Approval.</i></p> <p><u>Debate Highlights:</u> It was noted that the question of cleaning the Pavilion roof had been raised a couple of times. Cllr Carney noted the two questions from Cllr Williams on cost. Angie Vidler, Facilities Manager and GPC Clerk had discussed with Groundsman and Parish Ranger and they confirmed due to the build-up of moss on the Pavilion they felt this task needed to be completed professionally. However, going forward they felt that they would be able to complete the task with regular maintenance procedure in place.</p>	Approved
23FC/160.4	Council to consider and approve match funding of a maximum of £2,500 for the work to be carried out on Hibbert-Ware Garden.	Approved

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	<p><u>Approval:</u> <i>Cllr Carney proposed. Cllr Lampe seconded. Unanimous Approval.</i></p> <p><u>Debate Highlights:</u> Cllr Carney suspended Standing Orders so that Keith Honor, LNRP chair could take part in the conversation. Keith confirmed that LNRP had applied for the Community Chest grant from South Cambridgeshire District Council. Cllr Carney then reinstated Standing Orders. It was confirmed that GPC would match the crowdfunding raised in Girton. Cllr Marshall noted that the Events Committee would be happy to support the Hibbert-Ware event in May 2024. Cllr Marshall noted the Community Garden initiative at St Vincent’s Close and would be happy to share resources with GPC. It was noted that the request from LNRP was the second request for a Grant and that GPC welcomed requests from the community.</p>	
23FC/160.5	<p>Council to consider and approve funding of £120.00 for replacement of outside Food Bank in St Vincent’s Close run by Lighthouse Lantern Mental Health Training.</p> <p><u>Approval:</u> <i>Cllr Carney proposed. Cllr Muston seconded. Unanimous Approval.</i></p> <p><u>Debate Highlights:</u> The council commended the Foodbank as a great community resource.</p>	Approved
23FC/160.6	<p>Council to consider and approve CCC LHI Bid for 2024/2025 and to delegate completion of the documentation of this bid to Cllr Carney, Cllr Giles, and GPC Clerk.</p> <p><u>Approval:</u> <i>Cllr Carney proposed.</i></p> <p><u>Amended Motion:</u> Council to consider and approve CCC LHI Bid for 2024/2025 and to delegate completion of the documentation of this bid with the inclusion of Pepys Way to Cllr Carney, Cllr Giles, and GPC Clerk.</p> <p><u>Approval of Amended Motion:</u> <i>Cllr Muston proposed. Cllr Marshall seconded. Unanimous Approval.</i></p> <p><u>Debate Highlights:</u> The council considered inclusion of top and bottom junctions of Pepys Way. The junction with Girton road only was approved for inclusion.</p>	Approved
23FC/160.7	<p>Council to consider and approve Budget for Girton Parish Council.</p> <p>Due to the improvements in the detail provided for the budget and precept considerations. Council decided to allow the Finance & Resource Management Committee to meet ahead of an Extraordinary Meeting to focus on Agenda items: 23FC/160.7, 23FC/160.8, 23FC/160.9</p>	Deferred
23FC/160.8	<p>Council to consider and approve charges for Recreation Users for 2024/2025.</p> <p>Due to the improvements in the detail provided for the budget and precept considerations. Council decided to allow the Finance & Resource Management Committee to meet ahead of an Extraordinary Meeting to focus on Agenda items:</p>	Deferred

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	23FC/160.7, 23FC/160.8, 23FC/160.9	
23FC/160.9	<p>2024/2025 Precept: Council to approve precept request for 2024/2025. Due to the improvements in the detail provided for the budget and precept considerations. Council decided to allow the Finance & Resource Management Committee to meet ahead of an Extraordinary Meeting to focus on Agenda items: 23FC/160.7, 23FC/160.8, 23FC/160.9</p>	Deferred
23FC/160.10	<p>Council to consider approval of an Extraordinary Meeting to further consider and approve the precept on 17th January 2024 given the more specific budgetary process carried out for this year and the 11th of January meeting being held so quickly after the Christmas/New Year break. Due to the improvements in the detail provided for the budget and precept considerations. Council approved this Extraordinary Meeting to focus on Agenda items: 23FC/160.7, 23FC/160.8, 23FC/160.9</p>	Approved
23FC/161	<p>To Receive Correspondence addressed to the Council.</p> <p>Cllr Muston raised communication she had received from Post person that dog poo had been put in a post box in Thornton Road.</p> <p>A Message had been received regarding Ash Tree cut back on 17 March.</p> <p>Cllr Carney confirmed he had received a phone call that trees by Oakington Road had fallen over in the storms. There was concerns it would cause a flooding problem.</p> <p>Cllr Carney had received Thanks for his help in making the closure on Girton Road clear in his online/social media post.</p>	Noted
23FC/162	<p>To Approve Communication of items from this Agenda <i>This item is designed to ensure that Council can approve key items of communication from this meeting on Council Website, Facebook, and Twitter.</i></p> <p>Approval: Cllr Carney proposed. Cllr Marshall seconded. Unanimous Approval.</p>	Approval
23FC/163	Date of next meeting(s): 14th February 2024 at 7.30pm	Noted
Meeting Ended: 21:27		

Environment Committee

The environment committee met on the 28th of February to discuss the book of work and plans for the next three months.

The idea of declaring a climate emergency was discussed but proved to be an emotive topic, so for the moment we will concentrate on doing all we can to mitigate the effects of climate change without making any official declarations.

Our priorities for the next few months include:

- Continuing with the replacement of dog bins around the village
- Appointing a tree officer to help with a number of tree-related tasks in the book of work
- Using the Parish Ranger to help with unruly hedges where possible and reminding parishioners that hedges should be cut back before nesting season.
- Finalising the details for a more nuanced approach to No Mow Summer (see grass cutting policy presented to this meeting) and publicising how it will work.
- Working with the Local Nature Recovery Planning group on management plans for Town End Close and the Hibbert Ware Memorial garden.

The committee noted the need to consider options for electric vehicle charging in the village but this was postponed to next year unless there is an unexpected increase in capacity or an opportunity for charging points to be grant funded.

Local Nature Recovery Planning group report for Parish Council March 2024

This month we have been concentrating on the Hibbert Ware Memorial Garden project - you should be able to see some real changes as volunteers have cleared beds and laid hedges. The major parts of the project, creating the bog garden and Hugelkultur bed, have just been dug.

The garden will be officially “re-opened” at a ceremony from 2-5pm on Saturday 4th May, with contributions from the Girton Glebe school choir, various environmental organisations and the British Trust for Ornithology. All are warmly invited to attend the event.

We are also planning other activities for the summer months, including moth trapping, a stand at the Girton Feast and another open evening at Town End Close.

Images from the Hibbert Ware garden - many thanks to Liesbeth Ten Ham for managing the project and to everyone who has volunteered their time to help!

Hibbert-Ware Garden (Work in Progress) – March 2024



Finance & Resource Management Committee

The Finance and Resource Management Committee met on Thursday 29th February. Cllr Crawley was approved for co-option on this Committee.

The committee is currently preparing for 2023/2024 year-end. See information provided in the Clerk's report regarding arrangement for that major piece of work.

Also, regarding the workload of change of signatories and update of Bank and Building Society Accounts which has taken significant time for the RFO and Councillors over the last month. As we begin to increase our Asset Management work Trade Accounts have been opened to allow purchase of required materials which were included in budget.

In preparation for the year end the following work is underway and will be brought to April Full Council for consideration

- Possible write-off of Water & Electric Bills for 2018. See Finance Committee minutes, agenda item 23FRM/055.1
- Consideration of payment of invoice from Godfrey & Hicks for £1.4k.
- Clearing backlog of outstanding invoices which is going extremely well with just two overdue invoices currently in place.

Further improvements are planned to our Finance resources and tools during this year including:

- Compilation of comprehensive Asset Register
- Time sheets for Councillors and Staff
- Completion of Terms and Conditions/Charges for Recreation users.
- Finance Dashboard

Budget figures will be presented in March Full Council for review.

As per my HR Report I wish to thank Cllr Williams for all his help on the Finance & Resource Committee over the years.

Cllr Ann Muston

Chair of Finance & Resource Committee

Streamlining Meeting Calendar

Month	Date	Day	Meeting
June	12 th	Wednesday	Full Council
July	13 th	Saturday	Full Council
August	No Meeting		
September	11 th	Wednesday	Full Council
October	9 th	Wednesday	Full Council
November	16 th	Saturday	Full Council
December	No Meeting		
January	22 nd	Wednesday	Full Council
February	12 th	Wednesday	Full Council
March	12 th	Wednesday	Full Council
April	12 th	Saturday	Full Council
May	14 th	Wednesday	Full Council

HR Committee

The HR Committee met on Wednesday 6th March and discussed ways in which we can be more productive, reach more residents and make sure that we are aware of the wellbeing of all.

Last month, I highlighted the time needed to reflect on issues and that to make legal and binding decisions GPC must be quorate and attendance must be in person. A minimum of three clear days is required not including bank holidays or a Sunday when the Clerk summons us to a meeting. There are strict rules as to how many meetings can be missed. Councillors' circumstances change and it may be that they are no longer able to attend on the set day or at a set time.

I would like to pay tribute to the work done by Councillor Williams who has been responsible for leading Girton Parish Council, particularly through the challenging time of the Covid Pandemic, and as a Councillor for many years. He has been unable to attend Parish Council meetings in person since date) 2023 and twice had an extension granting his absence after failing to attend in a six-month period. If in the future, he is able to commit his time once more to serving the residents of Girton in this manner, then he is eligible to be co-opted, as is any other eligible member of the community, should places be vacant or put himself forward for election in May 2026. Girton Parish Council wishes him well and hope that he will be happy to continue to pass on valuable information on local knowledge, when appropriate.

HIPC have now engaged Work Nest to oversee the legal requirements relating to employment. They have already made a great start on producing documents and giving information which would have taken more of the Clerk's valuable time. The Clerk is contracted to work 25 hours per week and has a great deal to accomplish in this time, including attending all Parish Council Meetings. In the first week of March, there were 5 meetings for which preparation was needed, attendance and then writing up the minutes. This was at least 20 hours' work and meant two evening were taken up. Since this new Council has been in place, the approach taken has been to ensure that process, procedure and infrastructure is in place to support and maintain our assets, the wellbeing of our council team and the requests and ideas of our residents.

We now are in a position to respond more quickly to many of your requests. We would ask you for your understanding where some items will take longer to respond and resolve, especially over a weekend or where there are specific legal requirements that need to be completed and checked before an answer can be given.

As we become more aware of the issues needing attention and policies and procedures are updated and being put into place, the HR Chair and Clerk have looked at ways in which meeting times can be streamlined. In May 2023, we were given the dates of meetings for the next 12 months. To enable dates to be advertised in the Girton Feast Calendar, dates for meetings have been suggested as follows and will be discussed in April Full Council.

There are many advantages to the proposed changes including holding meetings at times when more members of the public could attend, perhaps once or twice during a weekend and co-opting to GPC people who are unable to make the current day, the second Wednesday of the month on a regular basis. We want GPC to be accessible to everyone.

Please see my previous report regarding the expectations and eligibility regarding becoming a local councillor. If you would like to get involved with supporting the Girton community, then please do come along to the GPC meetings and find out more. We do value your input and you do get the opportunity to meet your local councillors.

When the Clerk's time permits, individual Councillors are being highlighted in the Girton Village Community group on Facebook. You can always find out more on <https://www.girton-cambs.org.uk> and select Councillors.

Ann Muston – HR Committee Chair

Sport & Recreation Committee

The Sport & Recreation Committee met on Thursday 29th February 2024.

The Committee was attended by four Councillors and recreation users from Girton Tennis Club, Girton Colts and Girton United. Cllr Crawley was co-opted to the committee at this meeting.

Cllr Crawley gave an update on the facilities available in Darwin Green and offered the Committee a tour of Darwin Green.

The committee discussed:

- Need for additional facilities by your users.
- Possibility of a path to prevent mud getting on the tennis courts and provide easier access to the New Table Tennis tables.
- The backlog of football matches was highlighted due to the excessively wet weather over the last months.
- Subsidy of sports teams by Girton Parish Council and the upcoming terms and conditions exercise.
- The need to consider increasing potential for non-competitive sport.

The next Sport & Recreation committee is scheduled for 30th May 2024.

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Chair of Sport & Recreation Committee

Events Working Group

Cllr Marshall and Yvonne Murray (GPC Clerk) attended the Club 55 screening of Michael Caine’s last film starring with Glenda Jackson at William Collyn Community Centre (WCCC). This was a remarkable occasion for all who came to enjoy the event. We were all served Fish & Chips with military planning required for delivery. GPC Clerk and I enjoyed the hospitality and warmly thank Sam Clift for putting on a wonderful and well attended event which showcased WCCC as an ideal venue for providing a theatre screen experience.

There was then a return visit to WCCC on Thursday 7th March by Cllr Crawley and myself accompanied by GPC Clerk to attend the Annual General Meeting of Girton Women’s Institute. GPC Clerk presented slides on GPC budget and talked about the work of our Master Planner and the plans of Girton Parish Council. I was delighted to be recognised by the audience by someone who was popping up everywhere in the village and even more delighted to be served delicious cakes and sit with some of the W.I. members to discuss their queries and concerns about Girton Parish Council’s workload. There was also keen interest in HIPC hosting another Treasure Hunt this year.

I was also asked to attend the 13th Birthday celebrations of Girton’s Memory Café. I hope that this wonderful community initiative will continue to thrive in it’s original home of St Vincent’s Close Community Centre. I have now been invited to join the family of super volunteers for this group. Public Toilets and the possibility of housing these at Girton Recreation Ground Pavilion were top of the agenda.

GPC Clerk and myself were privileged to attend the funeral and wake of John Thorrold, who had had served as a Parish Councillor from around 2012 to August 2021 with a brief spell away from February 2014 to September 2016. We would like to express our thanks to his family for their hospitality on such an important occasion. I had been privileged to be invited to some of John’s famous Birthday & Christmas parties held at The George.

A number of Councillors have met with Rowena Barnes of the Feast Committee to discuss possibilities of volunteering to support this event and also for promoting HIPC facilities. More details to follow.

Below is a timetable of current events taking place to further connect Girton Parish Council with residents,.

#	Event	Date	Venue
1	AGE UK Talk	12/03/2024	WCCC
2	Tennis Club AGM	19/03/2024	WCCC
3	WCCC Pop Up Market	23/03/2024	WCCC
4	Club 55 Talk	08/04/2024	WCCC
5	Wellbrook Way Clubhouse delivery	08/04/2024	Wellbrook Way Bowling Green
6	Girton Glebe Assembly	29/04/2024	Girton Glebe School
7	Wellbrook Way Toilet Block delivery	03/05/2024	Wellbrook Way Bowling Green
7	Annual Parish Meeting	15/05/2024	WCCC
8	School Half-Term Holiday	27/05/2024 to 31/05/2024	Not Applicable
9	Girton Glebe Assembly	17/06/2024	Girton Glebe School
10	Girton Feast	12/07/2024 to 13/07/2024	Girton Recreation Ground
11	School Summer Holiday	19/07/2024 to 04/09/2024	Not Applicable

Wellbrook Way Facilities Task & Finish Group

Further to the approval of the Club House for Wellbrook Way Bowling Green in 14th February Full Council, see agenda item 23FC/190.4. The club house is to be delivered on 8th April 2024.

The Toilet Block is to be delivered on 3rd May 2024.

Our Facilities manager, Angie Vidler worked with Dave Fryer, Girton Bowls Club Chairman to confirm the requirements for furnishing the club House. See agenda item 23FC/212.3.

GPC Clerk has a request from Alan Benton to ensure that Girton Bowls Club equipment is insured by Girton Parish Council and to provide details. Currently GBC have nothing in writing. GPC Clerk has reached out to Zurich Municipal who are the current insurers for Girton Parish Council.

GPC Clerk is also to confirm timing for the Terms & Condition exercise with all Girton Parish Council Recreation and Sports Users.

Yvonne Murray

GPC Clerk

Pavilion Refurbishment Task & Finish Group

There will be more to come on the master planner who was approved by Girton Parish Council in 14th February 2024 Full Council. See Agenda Item 23FC/190.2.

We look forward to working with them to understand the project plan for the Pavilion Refurbishment team and other facilities.

Cllr Stuart Marshall

Chair of Pavilion Refurbishment Task & Finish Group

Payment Schedule – March 2024

Category	ContactName	Invoice Number	Invoice Date	Gross	VAT	Net	Description
Approval	KSF Home & Garden Services	March Petrol KSF	07/03/2024	50.00	0.00	50.00	Parish Ranger petrol
Approval	KSF Home & Garden Services	March 2024 Services	07/03/2024	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00	Parish Ranger
Approval	A P Groundworks	INV0186	05/03/2024	407.58	0.00	407.58	Digger for Hibbert-Ware Garden
Approval	Avocet	18453	29/02/2024	548.40	91.40	457.00	Cleaning Service Mar 2024
To Note	EverFlow Ltd:	2918755	23/02/2024	139.20	0.00	139.20	Waster Girton Bowls Green
To Note	Amazon : GB387310585	INV-GB-136834001-2024-5967	06/03/2024	36.80	6.12	30.68	Fire Door Seals
To Note	Amazon : GB387310585	INV-GB-131539631-2024-1736	06/03/2024	69.60	11.60	58.00	Mortice Locks
To Note	Amazon : GB387310585	INV-GB-174090961-2024-62265	05/03/2024	61.69	10.80	50.89	Barrel Lock
To Note	Microsoft	G040485735	05/03/2024	135.24	22.54	112.70	MS365 Business Basic
To Note	Microsoft	G040177912	05/03/2024	24.72	4.12	20.60	MS365 Business Standard
To Note	Girton Village Celebrations	Calendar 24/25	01/03/2024	250.00	0.00	250.00	Girton Calendar Adver
To Note	Zoom	INV241873963	21/02/2024	15.59	2.60	12.99	Zoom Standard Pro
To Note	British Gas	809696494	21/02/2024	2,267.84	377.97	1,889.87	British Gas Pavilion
To Note	EverFlow Ltd	2915468	21/02/2024	146.28	0.00	146.28	Water for Pavilion
To Note	EverFlow Ltd	2891347	21/02/2024	13.69	0.00	13.69	Water for Nature Reserve
To Note	EE Ltd	V02197719528	18/02/2024	12.49	2.08	10.41	Phone for Groundsman
To Note	Payroll	Payroll	01/03/2024	4,957.68	7.50	4,950.18	Payroll

GIRTON PARISH COUNCIL

Income Report February 2024

Neighbourhood Planning Grant	£1760.00
Local Nature Recovery Group Income	£25.00
Football Pitches	£221.80
MUGA	£344.30
Pavilion Hall	£180.00
Recreation Ground	£99.00
Tennis Courts	£66.00
<u>Total Turnover</u>	<u>£2,696.10</u>

Council to note suggestions and recommendations to date for consideration of Master Planner

1. Recommendation of Cafe pilot in Girton Pavilion
2. Girton to consider requesting lease of St Vincent's Close Community centre
(As recommended in Finance Committee 23FRM/055.1)
3. Girton Consider procurement of Graveyard space

Council to approve purchase of fitted Kitchen and furniture/equipment for Wellbrook Way Clubhouse

Committee		Full Council
Name of project		WELLBROOK WAY FACILITY FIXTURES & FITTINGS
Primary Reason for project		To fit a full kitchen with appliances in the new facility at Wellbrook way.
Description of project		<p>The facility will need a new kitchen, appliances, furniture etc to be used by hirers of the facility. More details on the individual requirements are in the supporting papers.</p> <p>The new facility will be primarily used as a clubhouse for Girton Bowls Club and will be available to hire for a variety of other clubs to run sessions, when not in use by Girton Bowls Club.</p> <p>The new facility will primarily serve as a clubhouse for Girton Bowls Club. Regarding the labour to fit the kitchen; this has been included in the budget. However, ongoing discussions with the bowls club show there are members of the bowls club and the village who are happy to help with this voluntarily, or at a lower cost.</p>
Capital sum requested		<p>£8,386.43 inc VAT</p> <p>Breakdown in supporting papers</p> <p>Funding to be found from General Reserves</p>
Ongoing revenue (if any) per year		N/A
Ongoing costs per year		N/A
Is the project consistent with the four principles in the Neighbourhood Plan? If so, how?	Digital village	N/A
	Sustainable community	Yes
	Diverse & Inclusive	Yes
	Heritage & design	Yes
Status of Project		Request to be presented to Full Council on 14 th March 2024
Other comments/information		Recommendation is to use the quote from B&Q for the kitchen.
Clerk to committee		Angie Vidler
Chair of committee		
Vice Chair to committee		

Wellbrook Way Clubhouse furnishing/equipment requirements

Cutlery/Furniture

#	Item	Quantity	Amount
1	Fold up melamine top tables 2m x 600mm	Minimum 6	£930.00
2	*Metal/Fabric stackable chairs	Minimum 36	£280.00
3	36 placings of cutlery	36	£144.95
4	36 placings of crockery	36	£296.91
Total			£1,651.86

**Second hand purchase from Girton Golf Club - 28 chairs. Additional chairs may be required.*

Fitted Kitchen

#	Item	Quantity	Amount
1	Double drainer/sink	1	
2	Melamine worktops 3m x 600mm	3	
3	Malamine worktops 2m x 600mm	1	
4	Floor Cupboards	6	
5	Floor Cupboards with drawers	2	
6	Foor Corner Cupboard	1	
7	Undersink Cupboard	1	
8	Wall Cupboard	1	
9	Larder fridge/freezer	1	
Total (See B&Q Quote)			£4,335.57

Equipment

#	Item	Quantity	Amount
1	Water heater	1	£299.00
2	Dishwasher	1	Not required
3	Electric Hob	1	Not required
4	*Miscellaneous	1	£100.00
5	**Labour to fit kitchen	1	£2,000.00
Total			£2,399.00

**Caution 'Boiling Tap Water' signage. Dishdrainer. Cutlery drawer. Dustpan&Brush. Extra large broom. Washing up bowl. Etc.*

***Bowls club members available to help with the fitting of the kitchen and reduce costs.*

GRAND TOTAL	£8,386.43
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ALL PRICES ARE INCLUSIVE OF VAT

Links to quotes for Full Kitchen

Wrens, [click here](#)

B&Q, [click here](#)

Council to consider and approve letter to Mayor Nik Johnson re buses

Girton Parish Office
Girton Pavilion
Cambridge Road
Girton
CB3 0FH

Dr Nik Johnson
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority
Pathfinder House
St Mary's Street
Huntingdon
PE29 3TN

Dear Dr Johnson

We write to you on behalf of Girton Parish Council in order to contribute to your consultation on bus services across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. We understand that you wish to improve public transport across the Combined Authority.

The bus service in Girton and across the county is failing residents. In its current form it is not sufficient in connecting Girton with many of its surrounds. That service that does exist is unreliable, with weekly complaints from residents of scheduled buses not arriving and with no indication of late running or cancellation.

Whilst there has been some improvement for some of the village, namely the U1 and U2 services, this is aimed very much at members of the University of Cambridge, hence their funding of the service, and does not benefit many of the permanent residents. Elsewhere services have been cut back, both in terms of frequency and extent of service, with previous protestations to provider Stagecoach being rebuffed. Stagecoach claim user numbers are falling and cannot sustain a profitable service, but with an unreliable and inconvenient service it is unsurprising that residents choose other means of travel when they can.

Girton has a number of amenities, but most residents regularly need to travel elsewhere for basic needs. Without suitable public transport, residents are either cut off or have to rely on taxis, which can be expensive, cycling, which is not accessible to all residents, or private motor vehicles, which are expensive and environmentally damaging.

The needs that we have identified, and that have been suggested to us by residents, are as follows.

- Regular services to central Cambridge, where first buses to arrive in Cambridge by 6am for early workers and last buses leave Cambridge after 11pm, to allow residents to go to theatre, cinema, concerts, pubs & restaurants, etc.
- Direct service to Cambridge train station and Cambridgeshire Guided Busway, with good connectivity between bus arrival/departures and key trains, e.g. fastest to Kings Cross and Liverpool St
- Direct service to Addenbrookes Hospital, for workers, patients, and visitors.
- Regular links to neighbouring villages and communities which contain key services
 - Direct link from main body of village to Eddington - currently the U1 & U2 only go as far as Girton Corner, partway through the village

In summary the key items we believe are of most importance to the residents of Girton are:

- Reliable services
- Regular services
- Direct links to:
 - Cambridge City Centre
 - Cambridge railway station
 - Addenbrookes Hospital

- Oakington
- Histon & Impington
- Madingley
- Bar Hill
- Coton
- Cambridgeshire Guided Busway
- Links to Cambridge from 6am until post 11pm
- Links between “old” Girton and Eddington

Thank you for your consideration of the needs of Girton’s residents.

Kind regards

Cllr Daniel Carney (Chair)

Council to consider and approve letter to Anthony Browne re Cambridge 2040

Girton Parish Office
Girton Pavilion
Cambridge Road
Girton
CB3 0FH

Anthony Browne MP
Broadway House
149-151 St Neots Road
Hardwick
CB23 7QJ

Dear Mr Browne

We write to you on behalf of Girton Parish Council in order to seek further information, and to request further involvement with, the Department for Levelling Up Housing and Communities' "Cambridge 2040" vision.

As a community contiguous to the city of Cambridge, we are concerned that we have had no contact whatsoever from DLUHC regarding the 150,000 additional homes that were announced in late 2023 and what impact that may or will have on our area and its residents.

The village of Girton is already expanding significantly with the parts of the Eddington development within the parish borders, with further development in the Cambridge part of Eddington and the neighbouring Darwin Green project. Our community infrastructure is already stretched, with no GP capacity, no NHS dentist nearby, deprecated highways, and water supply scarcity. In addition, there is an identified lack of genuinely affordable and social housing in our community.































As Parish Councillors we are concerned that the input of existing residents has not been sought for this what would be a huge expansion of the area's population. It is important that all the existing communities can understand and plan for any changes that may affect them and that their voices are heard such that needs are properly addressed.

I hope that, as a member of the current government, you are able to help by giving further information on what is actually envisaged and how we and our community can have our views included as part of the planning process. Thank you for your consideration of the needs of Girton's residents.

Kind regards

CLlr Daniel Carney (Chair)

Training requested to date

SELECTED ITEMS			
CAPALC Ltd - Clerk and Deputy Clerk Monthly Drop In Session			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">  Wed, 10 Jan '24 10am – 11am GMT - done  Wed, 7 Feb '24 10am – 11am GMT - done  Wed, 6 Mar '24 10am – 11am GMT  Wed, 5 Jun '24 10am – 11am BST  Wed, 3 Jul '24 10am – 11am BST  Wed, 11 Sep '24 10am – 11am BST  Wed, 2 Oct '24 10am – 11am BST 	Member Clerk or Deputy - All Sessions	x 1	
CiLCA Introduction: The knowledge and the portfolio			
 Tue, 26 Mar '24 7pm – 9pm GMT	Member	x 1	
Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA) - Training - Spring Course with Libby White			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">  Wed, 24 Apr '24 9:30am – 12:30pm BST  Wed, 8 May '24 9:30am – 1:30pm BST  Wed, 12 Jun '24 9:30am – 12:30pm BST  Wed, 26 Jun '24 9:30am – 12:30pm BST  Wed, 10 Jul '24 9:30am – 12:30pm BST 	Member	x 1	£400.00 
In Person Clerk Catch Up - Hosted By Somersham Parish Council			
 Wed, 24 Apr '24 10am – 12pm BST	CAPALC Ltd Member	x 1	
Freedom of Information for local councils: obligations, procedures and exemptions			
 Fri, 26 Apr '24 9:30am – 11:30am BST	Member	x 1	£35.00 
Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and Section 106 (S106)			
 Tue, 30 Apr '24 10am – 12pm BST	Member	x 1	£50.00 
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<ul style="list-style-type: none">  Mon, 13 May '24 9:30am – 11:30am BST  Tue, 14 May '24 9:30am – 11:30am BST  Wed, 15 May '24 9:30am – 11:30am BST 	Member	x 1	£105.00 
CAPALC Ltd - Share the Vision, Shape the Future, Annual Conference			
 Fri, 20 Sep '24 9am – 4:30pm BST	Member	x 1	£75.00 
In Person Clerk Catch Up - Hosted By Sawtry Parish Council			
 Wed, 6 Nov '24 10am – 12pm GMT	CAPALC Ltd Member	x 1	
Total cost of booking		£665.00	
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In addition: Chairman's Course – 1st June (£50.00), Cllr Marshall attendance at Community Infrastructure Course (£50.00), Cllr Muston attendance at Annual Conference (£75.00)

